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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claim in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle for a tap for removing liquid from a container, ~~having~~ comprising a sleeve made of plastic, in which a piston is guided, and which has a passage opening for the liquid, which the piston seals off tightly in a locking position, in which it is moved in, and releases in a removing position, in which it is moved out, ~~characterized by~~ and a hood that can be set onto the sleeve ~~(10)~~ in front of the passage opening ~~(28)~~, which covers the passage opening ~~(28)~~, which encloses a labyrinth channel ~~(36)~~, together with the sleeve, which channel is open at one end, towards the interior of the container, and ends in the passage opening ~~(28)~~ at the other end.

2. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the labyrinth channel ~~(36)~~ has a meander-shaped progression.

3. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the open end of the labyrinth channel ~~(36)~~ is located close to the outer end of the sleeve ~~(10)~~.

4. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the labyrinth channel (36) is configured on the outer mantle of the sleeve.

5. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the labyrinth channel (36) is configured on the inner mantle of the hood.

6. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the labyrinth channel (36) ends in a tapping bore (38) through the hood.

7. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the labyrinth channel (36) runs out on a face of the hood.

8. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the hood can be clipped onto the sleeve (10).

9. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the hood is fully cylindrical.

10. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the hood is partially cylindrical and has a looping angle of more than 180°, preferably approximately 220°.

11. (Currently Amended) Foam throttle according to ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, characterized in that wherein the sleeve ~~(10)~~ is provided with ribs ~~(26)~~ on its outer mantle, and that the hood has recesses ~~(34)~~ that fit over the ribs ~~(26)~~.